Secretary Omits Any References to Proposed Scrapping of American Ships

ECONOMY NEED NOTED

By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 12. - Secretary Denby, in his first annual report, made public yesterday, announces that he has ne recommendation to make at this time relative to the paval establishment. A proposed future policy for the navy is embodied in the American proposal to the Arms Conference, but Mr. Denby omits any reference to this. His only statement as regards the Conference is

recognition of "the arduous and excel-lent work" performed by the Navy Genreal Board and individual naval officials in the preparation of information pre-liminary to it.

The naval budget for the next fiscal rear already has been submitted to Con-gress. It is based upon the old policy of "a navy second to none" and con-templates continuation of the construction of nine battleships and six battlecruisers, which would be scrapped under

the American proposal for the limitation of world naval forces.

The total of the budget, \$431,754,000.

1s \$264,000,000 less than the original estimates. Mr. Denby's report discloses, the reductions having been made as a result of conferences on nuval officials

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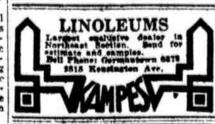


in order that all persons connected with the navn. establishment should realize their responsibility in the matter, orders have been issued to insure their fullest co-operation in preventing uneconomical use of naval supplies and funds, eliminating waste, and securing the full value of each dollar of the public money spent in the operation and maintenance of the navy."

The naval Secretary's report as well as those of the various bureau chiefs which accompany it is devoted to a review of the work of the navy during the last year. Some space is given to peace time activities, the Secretary declaring that naval patrol detachments in Asiatic and Near Eastern waters "are constantly involved in preventing strife and protecting persons and interests in case strife begins."

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